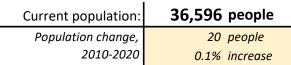
### **COUNTY PROFILE**

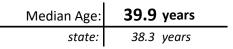
# Steele Co.

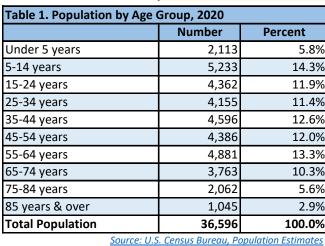
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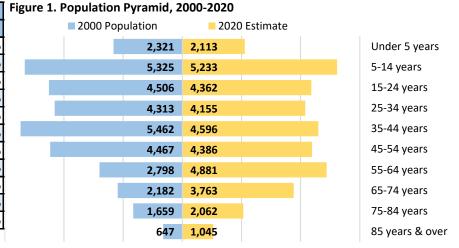
### **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

Steele Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 44th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 28th largest in the state. Steele Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).









Steele Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Steele Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

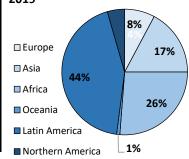
Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019									
	Total		April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019						
	Population	Natural	Vital Events		Net Migration				
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic		
Steele Co.	68	1,354	4,164	2,810	-1,292	41	-1,333		
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Steele Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2018, Steele Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Steel	Steele Co.		010-2019	Minnesota		
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
1,796	4.9%	490	37.5%	8.5%	28.9%	
140	7.8%	15	12.0%	9.9%	4.5%	
309	17.2%	132	74.6%	37.5%	30.3%	
471	26.2%	193	69.4%	25.5%	72.0%	
15	0.8%	-21	-58.3%	0.5%	37.2%	
861	47.9%	171	24.8%	26.6%	10.0%	
781	43.5%	143	22.4%	24.1%	12.2%	
80	4.5%	28	53.8%	2.5%	-7.7%	
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Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019

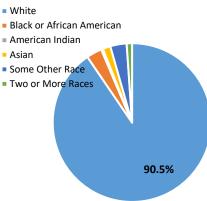


Steele Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019

- White

- Two or More Races



		Steele Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	36,683	100.0%	8.9%	100.0%	13.1%
White	33,193	90.5%	3.5%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	1,158	3.2%	221.7%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	132	0.4%	277.1%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	576	1.6%	96.6%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	1,222	3.3%	120.2%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	402	1.1%	6.9%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	2,860	7.8%	125.9%	5.4%	108.9%

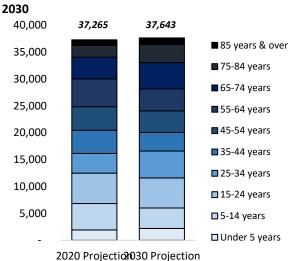
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Steele Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2020 to 2030, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.0%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030 2030 Numeric 2020 Percent Steele Co. **Projection Projection** Change Change Under 5 years 1,934 2,198 264 13.7% 4,905 5-14 years 3,800 -1,105 -22.5% 15-24 years 5,658 5,582 -76 -1.3% 25-34 years 3,654 5,015 1,361 37.2% 35-44 years 4,317 3,456 -861 -19.9% 4,381 4,003 45-54 years -378 -8.6% 55-64 years 5,166 4.087 -1.079-20.9% 65-74 years 4,046 4,908 862 21.3% 75-84 years 2,160 3,397 1,237 57.3% 85 years & over 1,044 1,197 153 14.7% **Total Population** 37,265 378 37,643 1.0%





Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

57.3%

67.1%

### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

Steele Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Steele Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.0%

state:

17% 34% **12**%

21%

7%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

9%

■ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree

■ Advanced degree

Associate's Degree: 11.8% Bachelor's Degree: 17.1% Advanced Degree: 7.2%

College-educated:

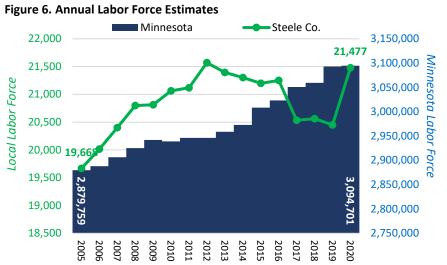
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.8%, Steele Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Steele Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.4% in 2019, and was lower than the 7.8% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Steele Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.



**1,031** unemployed workers



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers from 1990 to 2000, Steele Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Steele Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2020 to 2030 (see Table 6).

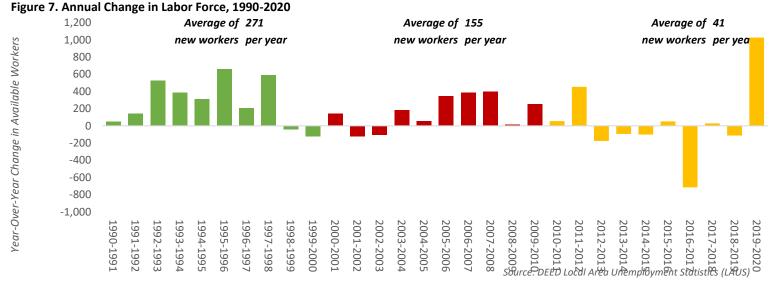
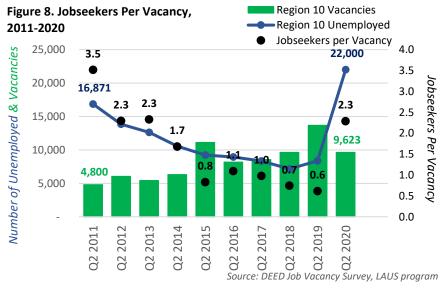


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2020-2030	2020	2030			
16 to 24 years	3,667	3,748			
25 to 54 years	11,109	11,220			
55 to 64 years	3,926	3,106			
65 years & over	1,365	1,702			
Total Labor Force	20,066	19,776			

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market has grown extremely tight in recent years, with typically less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020, and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, even by the fourth quarter of 2020, job vacancies recovered quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).



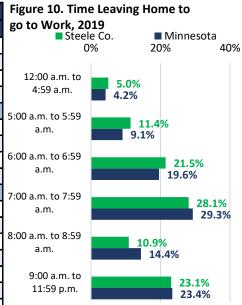
# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Steele Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Steele Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

	S	teele Co.		Minne	esota	Steel	e Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female	
Total Labor Force	19,645	69.1%	3.7%	69.7%	3.6%	10,567	9,088	
16 to 19 years	996	54.5%	12.8%	53.2%	11.0%	521	474	
20 to 24 years	1,743	86.1%	7.6%	84.6%	6.0%	981	762	
25 to 44 years	7,754	90.1%	2.9%	88.8%	3.2%	4,032	3,721	İ
45 to 54 years	4,243	89.7%	3.4%	87.6%	2.7%	2,313	1,929	
55 to 64 years	3,790	76.0%	1.8%	73.0%	2.8%	2,049	1,741	
65 to 74 years	939	28.5%	3.9%	27.9%	2.2%	569	369	
75 years & over	195	6.6%	0.0%	6.6%	2.4%	102	92	
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin						Figure 9. La	abor Force b	υV
White alone	18,131	68.8%	3.1%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019		•
Black or African American	445	63.4%	17.5%	71.3%	8.8%	ŕ		
American Indian & Alaska Native	46	78.0%	0.0%	58.9%	12.6%			
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	267	61.4%	23.6%	71.2%	4.3%			
Some Other Race	619	89.8%	3.9%	77.7%	6.1%			
Two or More Races	150	78.1%	10.0%	73.6%	7.4%			
Hispanic or Latino	1,477	84.7%	7.8%	76.5%	6.1%			
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disabil</b>	ity							
With Any Disability	866	53.9%	2.9%	53.0%	8.6%		92.3	3%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educat</b>	ional Attainment							
Population, 25 to 64 years	15,780	86.1%	2.8%	84.5%	3.0%	White al		
Less than H.S. Diploma	882	74.4%	4.7%	66.3%	4.2%		African Americ	
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	4,524	83.2%	0.9%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alas	
Some College or Assoc. Degree	5,704	87.6%	1.6%	85.3%	3.0%		Other Pac. Isla	nders
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	4,678	90.1%	0.8%	90.0%	1.7%	Some Of	ther Race	

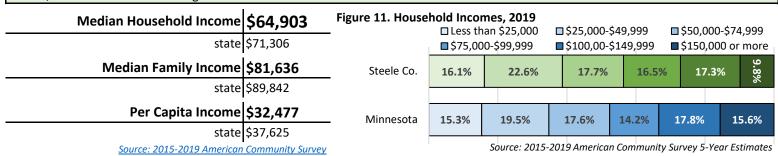
A larger percentage of workers in Steele Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Steele Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Steele (	Co.	Minne	sota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	18,567	99.5%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	14,685	78.7%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	3,881	20.8%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	93	0.5%	69,779	2.4%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	17,130	91.8%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	149	0.8%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	597	3.2%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	802	4.3%	171,541	5.9%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	6,195	33.2%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	6,736	36.1%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	2,221	11.9%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,791	9.6%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	765	4.1%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	952	5.1%	162,819	5.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.0	minutes	23.7	minutes



# **INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Steele Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Steele Co. had the 20th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Steele Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.88 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.32 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	onthly Co	sts		
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Steele Co.	\$28,865	\$13.88	\$0	\$350	\$163	\$628	\$675	\$268	\$321
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	onthly Co	sts		-
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Cilia Care	FOOU	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Steele Co.	\$47,808	\$15.32	\$236	\$800	\$519	\$844	\$782	\$450	\$353
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

30%

20%

Steele Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 37th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Steele Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Steele	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	11,043	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	465	4.2%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,091	9.9%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,769	25.1%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,636	23.9%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,790	25.3%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	995	9.0%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	297	2.7%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$169,3	300	\$223,900

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019 0% 10%

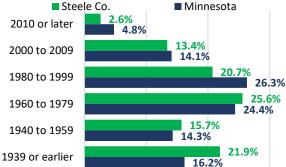


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

14.6%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

state \$1,580

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Median monthly rent costs

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 4<u>5.1</u>%

Less than 20%

20% to 24.9%

53.3%

■ 35% or more

16.6%

10.2%

25.0% to 29.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

mortgage

29.9%

13.0%

rent

9.4%8.3%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

## **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$21.13 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 10 than the state. Overall, Region 10 had the 3rd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$44.47) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.72) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment Statistics, 2021									
		Region 10			Stat	te of Minnes	sota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs		
Total, All Occupations	\$21.13	231,950	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%		
Management	\$44.47	10,040	4.3%	0.7	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%		
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.11	9,040	3.9%	0.6	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%		
Computer & Mathematical	\$42.07	4,370	1.9%	0.5	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%		
Architecture & Engineering	\$35.77	2,590	1.1%	0.6	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%		
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$32.57	1,360	0.6%	0.6	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%		
Community & Social Service	\$25.05	4,230	1.8%	0.9	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%		
Legal	\$32.89	840	0.4%	0.5	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%		
Education, Training & Library	\$24.41	13,240	5.7%	1.0	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%		
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$21.50	2,060	0.9%	0.7	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%		
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$36.88	33,220	14.3%	2.1	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%		
Healthcare Support	\$16.22	15,580	6.7%	1.2	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%		
Protective Service	\$23.99	3,250	1.4%	0.9	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%		
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.72	17,370	7.5%	1.0	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%		
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.11	7,320	3.2%	1.1	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%		
Personal Care & Service	\$14.39	4,440	1.9%	1.0	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%		
Sales & Related	\$15.31	20,270	8.7%	0.9	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%		
Office & Administrative Support	\$19.02	24,450	10.5%	0.8	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%		
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$17.88	370	0.2%	1.0	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%		
Construction & Extraction	\$27.22	8,730	3.8%	1.0	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$23.34	8,370	3.6%	1.0	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%		
Production	\$19.15	23,850	10.3%	1.4	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%		
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.44	16,980	7.3%	0.9	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%		

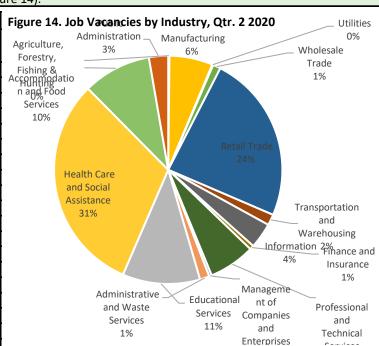
Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2020

### JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Steele Co. is a part of Region 10, which includes Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona County. There were 9623 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2020, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Region 10 Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2020						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	9,623	\$15.20				
Management	226					
Business & Financial Operations	45	7				
Computer & Mathematical	54					
Architecture & Engineering	47	,				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	91					
Community & Social Service	105					
Education, Training & Library	461					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	815	,				
Healthcare Support	998	\$12.50				
Protective Service	115					
Food Preparation & Serving Related	915					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	435	•				
Personal Care & Service	928	\$17.79				
Sales & Related	1,119					
Office & Administrative Support	647	\$14.78				
Construction & Extraction	861	\$15.84				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	448					
Production	203					
Transportation & Material Moving	586	\$17.72				



# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Southeast Occupations in Demand, 2020								
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher					
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Pharmacists					
\$28,180	\$34,626	\$76,167	\$144,197					
Retail Salespersons	Emergency Medical Technicians and	Veterinary Technologists and	Physicians, All Other; and					
\$26,360	Paramedics \$39,334	Technicians \$35,768	Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric NA					
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Ş33,708	IVA					
Truck Drivers	Nurses	Surgical Technologists	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term					
\$45,900	\$48,401	\$59,643	\$39,037					
Construction Laborers	Automotive Service Technicians and	Computer Network Support	Nurse Practitioners					
Construction Laborers	Mechanics	Specialists	Nuise Practitioners					
\$46,802	\$42,494	\$62,932	\$124,871					
Janitors and Cleaners,	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and	Civil Engineering Technologists	Market Research Analysts and					
Except Maids and	Cosmetologists	and Technicians	Marketing Specialists					
\$30,833	\$26,439	\$65,812	\$52,769					
Secretaries and	Medical Assistants	Web Developers and Digital	Software Developers and Software					
Administrative Assistants,		Interface Designers	Quality Assurance Analysts and					
\$36,994	\$43,323	\$57,164	\$99,331					
Stockers and Order Fillers	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service	Agricultural and Food Science	Clinical, Counseling, and School					
	Technicians	Technicians	Psychologists					
\$30,903	\$46,627	\$40,741	\$81,964					
Operating Engineers and	Electricians	Calibration Technologists and	Pediatricians, General					
Other Construction	4	Technicians and Engineering	·					
\$59,556	\$62,918	\$55,848	\$208,174					
Graders and Sorters,	Health Information Technologists, Medical	Medical Equipment Repairers	Rehabilitation Counselors					
Agricultural Products	Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and		644.242					
\$29,190	\$91,349	\$67,813 Electro-Mechanical and	\$41,342 Education Administrators,					
First-Line Supervisors of	Outdoor Power Equipment and Other		*					
Retail Sales Workers	Small Engine Mechanics	Mechatronics Technologists and	Kindergarten through Secondary					
\$41,483	\$34,413	\$56,901	\$97,625					

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Steele Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region, which is projected to see a 4.6% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Pr	rojections, 2018	-2028	
Southeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028
Total, All Industries	273,458	285,010	4.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	3,253	3,457	6.3%
Utilities	1,204	1,147	-4.7%
Construction	9,146	10,359	13.3%
Manufacturing	38,571	38,221	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	7,274	7,451	2.4%
Retail Trade	26,683	26,685	0.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,905	8,578	8.5%
Information	3,484	3,352	-3.8%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,657	7,664	0.1%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	6,816	7,069	3.7%
Administrative & Waste Services	8,526	9,229	8.2%
Educational Services	20,851	21,190	1.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	64,634	72,782	12.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	23,658	24,140	2.0%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	9,197	9,073	-1.3%
Public Administration	14,438	14,635	1.4%

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

	Employment Projections, 2018-2028							
ı	■ From employment growth -5,000		■ From exit openings 5,000 15,000					
ı	-5,0	J00	5,000 15,	000				
ı	Management	370	7,229					
	Business & Financial	429	<b>2</b> ,397					
	Computer & Mathematical	122	<b>739</b>					
ı	Architecture & Engineering	169	897					
1	Life, Physical, & Social	113	284					
1	Community & Social Service	497	<b>2</b> ,169					
1	Legal	17	270					
1	Education, Training, & Library	503	6,365					
	Arts, Design, Entertainment	-50	<b>1</b> ,535					
	Healthcare Practitioners &	3,7	<b>25</b> 8,539					
ı	Healthcare Support	1,013	5,636					
1	Protective Service	-31	<b>1</b> ,433					
1	Food Preparation & Serving	1,198	15,059					
1	Building, Grounds Cleaning	527	5,760					
	Personal Care & Service	1,527	9,835					
1	Sales & Related	22	7 13,230					
ı	Office & Administrative	-814	16,131					
ı	Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	79	■ 806					
	Construction & Extraction	1,032	<b>3,4</b> 47					
1	Installation, Maintenance,	458	<b>3,</b> 210					
1	Production	-349 I	10,128					
	Transportation & Material	790	7,656					
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## **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

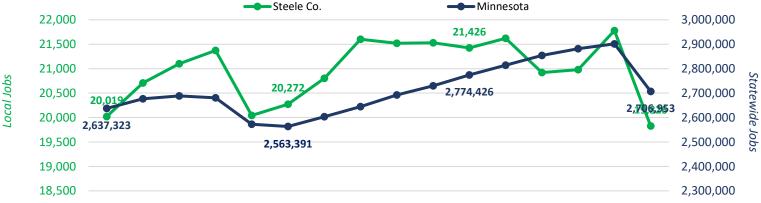
Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Steele Co. had the 19th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Steele Co. was the 79th fastest growing in the past year and the 60th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Steele Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state's -2.4% change.

 1,060 business establishments
 \$49,610 annual average wage

 19,826 jobs
 \$983,573,412 total industry payroll

 Job change, 2015-2020 -7.5% decline
 -7.5% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

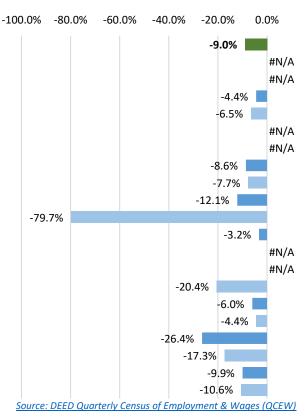


2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 3. Steele Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	19,826	100.0%	\$49,610
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	602	3.0%	\$61,338
Manufacturing	5,264	26.6%	\$57,221
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Retail Trade	2,770	14.0%	\$31,966
Transportation & Warehousing	553	2.8%	\$54,520
Information	210	1.1%	\$49,507
Finance & Insurance	360	1.8%	\$68,474
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	210	1.1%	\$16,905
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	1,827	9.2%	\$23,674
Educational Services	1,019	5.1%	\$51,386
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,308	11.6%	\$52,717
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	128	0.6%	\$17,455
Accommodation & Food Services	1,130	5.7%	\$16,650
Other Services	435	2.2%	\$32,809
Public Administration	692	3.5%	\$50,708

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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